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Mr. Thomas J. Martin
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Re: Sauget Area I

Dear Mr. Martin:

Following our letter to you of June 29, 1999, we are hereby formally requesting a conference with U.S. EPA on behalf of Monsanto and Solutia pursuant to the Order dated June 21, 1999, Docket No. VW99C 554, and received by Solutia on June 28, 1999. Consistent with the Order, Solutia is prepared to meet with U.S. EPA on Friday, July 9, 1999. In light of existing travel schedules during the holiday, this is the earliest available date that the meeting can be scheduled within the five day period set forth in the Order. Because of the possible participation of a number of interested parties and the use of exhibits in the presentation, we propose that the meeting be held in proximity to the site. There are any number of available locations.

We request that both Mr. Turner and Mr. McAteer be present at the meeting, along with any others necessary to reach a decision on a comprehensive proposal to be presented at the meeting by Solutia and, possibly, other stakeholders. At a minimum, at least two hours should be set aside for the meeting. We suggest that the meeting start promptly at 1:00 p.m., and will provide you with an agenda on Thursday. Please let me know if you or other counsel will be present.

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Very truly yours,

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